

# FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITIZENS SERVICES BUILDING

401 Sagner Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

## **June 29, 2021 Meeting**

- I. A virtual online meeting was held and called to order by Chair Mari Lee.
- II. The following members and others were present: Mari Lee, Lisa Clark, Annette Breiling, Francisco Alves, Cindy Shubin, Irene Packer-Halsey, Roger Sobkowiak, Veronica Lowe and Lee Whisner. Human Relations Department staff members Pat Fleet and Miles Ward.
- III. The minutes from the May 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote with a motion made by Cindy Shubin and a second from Lisa Clark.
- IV. Mary Ellen Mitchell is the CEO of Housing Frederick and also a member of the Frederick County Affordable Housing Council. Housing Frederick did a survey of housing agencies to update information related to messaging being delivered to the community regarding Housing Non-Profits. To find out what services are offered at the different agencies. How do housing organizations define success? What does collaboration look like across organizations and finally how COVID impacted housing organizations? The findings as well as other information about Housing Frederick and the full report can be found at this link. <https://housingfrederick.org/>
- V. Officers' reports  
On behalf of the Treasurer Pat Fleet reported that the current balance of HRC funds is \$727.00.
- VI. Standing Committees  
  
CRC – The Forum “Exclusion Can Be Hard to Spot: Toward a More Inclusive Frederick County For All” will be held on Thursday July 8, 2021 at 6:30pm  
  
GRC – Mari Lee will be reaching out to the proposed speaker for the luncheon.  
  
IRC – No report at this time.
- VII. Action items:

- a) Irene Halsey-Packer made a motion that the slate of officers that was presented:  
Chair Mari Lee, Vice Chair – Lee Whisner, Treasure – Chris Isleib, be accepted. A second was made by Roger Sobkowiak and the motion was approved. There were no nominations from the floor for the other open positions.
- b) The discussion regarding the expanded language as it relates to the proposed HRC Regulation was brought up. Cindy Shubin made a motion to approve the Proposed Additional wording on C. adding the words “when considering appeals” be approved but not forward the information to the county yet. Veronica Lowe seconded the motion and it was approved.
- c) Meeting Logistics was discussed, most members are good with going back to in person meetings as soon as the county gives the go ahead.

VIII. Old Business

- a. The HHNBH subcommittee members have been working on an Art project with approximately 4 children’s organizations. They would create art depicting what Hate Has no Business Here means to them. The Delaplaine has agreed that the children’s art work can be presented to the public in one of their rooms from September 4<sup>th</sup> to October 30. The Delaplaine has sent an MOU to the Commission to be signed. A motion was made by Annette Breiling that the MOU be signed and a second was made by Roger. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Recap – COVID in the Community Forum – Dr. Barbara Brookmyer and Danielle Haskins from the Frederick County Health Department presented information about how the Vaccines are being distributed and the statistics related to COVID illnesses and deaths. She provided a lot of good information,

IX. Miles Ward reported that since May 25 the HRD has received 12 calls for information and assistance. Of those calls 7 were regarding employment, 1 housing and 4 public accommodations, 5 of the 12 involved disability. There are 3 complaints in process at this time.

X. Members that chose to do so gave brief comments.

XI. The meeting was adjourned.

*These minutes were prepared by the Human Relations Department.*